

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An isolated EG-VEGF polypeptide ~~comprising an amino acid sequence~~ having at least ~~about~~ 80% amino acid sequence identity to ~~with the~~ amino acid sequence of residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.
2. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, ~~comprising an amino acid sequence~~ having at least ~~about~~ 85% amino acid sequence identity to ~~with the~~ amino acid sequence of residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2.
3. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, ~~comprising an amino acid sequence~~ having at least ~~about~~ 90% amino acid sequence identity to ~~with the~~ amino acid sequence of residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2.
4. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, ~~comprising an amino acid sequence~~ having at least ~~about~~ 95% amino acid sequence identity to ~~with the~~ amino acid sequence of residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2.
5. (cancelled)
6. (currently amended) ~~The~~ An isolated polypeptide of claim 1 comprising an, wherein the amino acid sequence ~~comprises~~ having amino acid residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.

7. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the ~~amino acid sequence~~ polypeptide comprises ~~an amino acid sequence having at least about 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:2.~~
8. (currently amended) ~~The~~An isolated polypeptide of claim 7 comprising the ~~wherein the~~ amino acid sequence ~~comprises of~~ SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.
9. (original) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is a native sequence of endocrine gland-derived vascular endothelial growth factor (EG-VEGF).
10. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is an allelic variant of EG-VEGF.
11. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is SEQ ID NO:2.
12. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is human.
13. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 1.
14. (withdrawn) The polynucleotide of claim 13, comprising nucleotides 91 to 405 of SEQ ID NO:1.
15. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 13.
16. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 15.
17. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 5.
18. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 17.

19. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 18.
20. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 6.
21. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 20.
22. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 21.
23. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 7.
24. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 23.
25. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 24.